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Runner Says Vote on Amazon Tax Best Way to Save Jobs

Board of Equalization Member Senator George Runner today issued the following statement in response to Democrat opposition to a proposed referendum on California's new "Amazon Tax" law:

"This issue isn't about Amazon. It's about the thousands of California jobs this law places in jeopardy.

"The lawmakers who authored the 'Amazon Tax' should be ashamed to appear in public. Their law has failed to achieve their goals. Instead it is punishing thousands of California small business affiliates who are losing income and may even be forced to leave the state.

"The Legislature should admit its mistake and repeal the Amazon Tax. But short of that, the fastest way to save California jobs is through a referendum rather than years of costly litigation. Let the people engage in the debate and decide the issue for themselves."

Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents more than nine million Californians as a member of the State Board of Equalization. For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/Runner.